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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6519
BILL NUMBER: HB 1302

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2012
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: In-hospital Patient Care.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown C
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires hospital clinical staff and hospital clinical trainees to wear identification cards containing certain information. The bill requires that certain written information concerning patient care be given to a patient before admission to a hospital.

The bill also provides that a patient may request that the nurse call the attending physician regarding the patient's personal medical care. It allows the patient to call the attending physician or designee. The bill also requires the hospital to provide a mechanism through which a patient may access assistance for the resolution of the patient's medical concerns.

The bill provides for administration and enforcement by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH).

The bill also provides that these requirements do not create a civil cause of action.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would require the ISDH to administer and enforce the requirements of the bill. The requirements of the bill only apply to inpatient hospital care. Administration and enforcement would be done through the existing ISDH licensure process for hospitals. The bill could potentially increase the number of complaints concerning hospital care that would be investigated.

The bill allows the penalties to be invoked by the ISDH for failure to comply with the requirements of the bill to include: (1) a letter of correction; (2) issuance of a probationary license; (3) conduct a resurvey; (4) revoke a license; (5) deny renewal of a license; or (6) impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: ISDH.

Local Agencies Affected: Local government-owned hospitals.

Information Sources: ISDH.

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